

Remarks:

This amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to advance this case to issue without delay. The examiner has indicated that the case contains allowable subject matter.

Rejected independent claim 9 has been canceled. Rejected dependent claims 14, 15, and 17 (and unrejected claim 20) have been amended to depend from allowed claim 10. Thus all claims in the case are allowed or allowable.

If only minor problems that could be corrected by means of a telephone conference stand in the way of allowance of this case, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned to make the necessary corrections.

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Enclosure:

None.